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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: COUNTRY GUIDANCE PAPER

REF: TEHRAN 5761

FROM NEA/IRN

1. ALONG WITH OTHER OFFICES IN BUREAU WE ARE TASKED WITH PREPARING DURING NEXT FEW WEEKS A DRAFT COUNTRY GUIDANCE PAPER TO SUMMARIZE: A) MAJOR US INTERESTS; B) US POLICY OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION; AND C) RESOURCE ALLOCATION REQUIRED DURING CURRENT AND NEXT TWO FISCAL YEARS TO SUPPORT THESE OBJECTIVES. WE HOPE TO KEEP THIS EXERCISE AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE, BUT DEPARTMENT'S DRAFT WILL BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY ALL AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH RELATIONS WITH IRAN.

2. WE EXPECT TO DRAW HEAVILY ON EMBASSY'S ANNUAL ASSESSMENT (REFTEL). WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REVIEWING THAT AND PROVIDING US WITH ANY UPDATING, REVISIONS OR REFINEMENTS THAT YOU CONSIDER WARRANTED IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS SINCE ITS TRANSMISSION.

3. OUR TARGET DATE FOR A DRAFT TO GO TO THE SIXTH FLOOR
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IS DECEMBER 1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONTRIBUTION NO

LATER THAN NOVEMBER 17, WHICH SHOULD GIVE US TIME TO
MELD YOUR AND OUR THOUGHTS AND SEND YOU FINAL DRAFT BY
TELEGRAM FOR LAST MINUTE COMMENTS BEFORE SUBMISSION. INGERSOLL

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